

# The 21st International Conference on the Science & Application of Nanotubes & Low-Dimensional Materials

NT21

virtually hosted on June 6-11, 2021, by Rice University







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“So, Jun, what do you mean when you say the conference was a **success**? What is the definition of a **successful** conference?”



“We made it to the end  
of the conference  
without disasters!  
Congrats!”

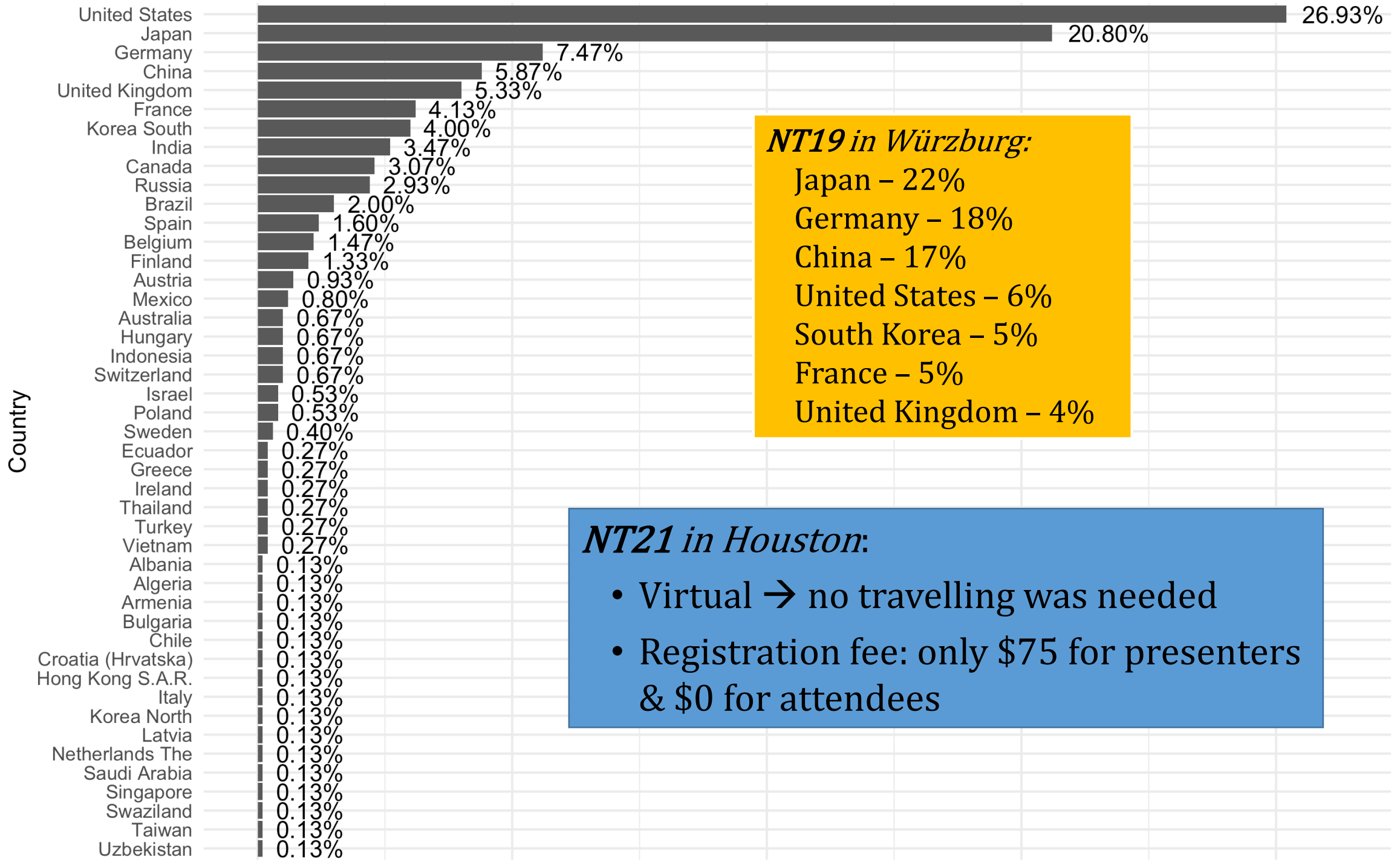


# Many people attended NT21!



We have **1,176** unique attendees who have a recorded login.





### ***NT19 in Würzburg:***

Japan – 22%

Germany – 18%

China – 17%

United States – 6%

South Korea – 5%

France – 5%

United Kingdom – 4%

### ***NT21 in Houston:***

- Virtual → no travelling was needed
- Registration fee: only \$75 for presenters & \$0 for attendees



# Parallel Symposia, Sunday, June 6

|  | Unique Viewers | Total Users |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Synthesis Symposium      | 274            | 416         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Energy Symposium         | 97             | 159         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Macromaterials Symposium | 141            | 222         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Biology Symposium       | 66             | 135         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> 2D Symposium            | 87             | 134         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Spectroscopy Symposium  | 106            | 183         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Computation Symposium   | 79             | 126         |

Avg. 121

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# Oral Presentations

|             | Main Conf | Symposia | Total |
|-------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Keynote     | 5         | 0        | 5     |
| Invited     | 15        | 28       | 43    |
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+ **212** Poster Presentations = **297** Presentations

**71% poster** and **29% oral** presentations

**85% poster** and **15% oral** contributed presentations



# In a virtual conference, everything is recorded.

## Question

1 try to speak without microphone, Prof. Wei

2 very clear now

3 Wei Fei, thank you for impressive talk, as usual. Super long, defect free, semi-conductor DWCNT with 2 nm dia

4 '@Fei Wei. Very interesting work! Do I understand correctly that this CNT growth preferentially yields double an

5 Hi, Prof. Wei, what is the reason that the catalyst activity of m-CNT decay so much faster than that of s-CNT?

6 Nice talk! Why do the metallic tubes have higher defect densities?

7 That is fantastic. What is the diameter of the inner tubes in the 4" wafer of nanotubes that you have grown?

8 great talk! could you elaborate the mechanism behind the metal/semiconductor selectivity on growth?

9 only certain diameter of tube is growing longer, is it because of the catalytic metal particle stable?

10 Excellent talk, Prof. Wei. What is the length limit of SWCNTs with a single chirality?

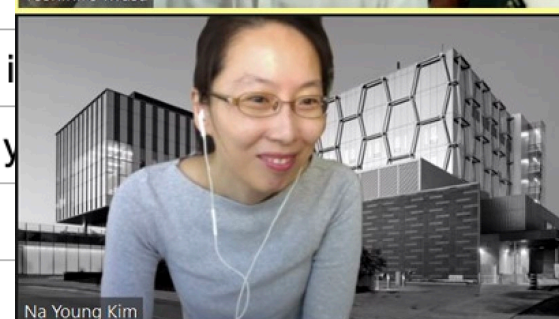
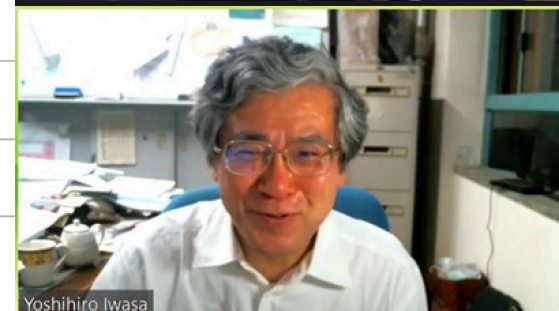
11 Great work Seung Min!  
Are you able to model the size of the catalyst as a function of position for your different injection points?

12 To Dr. Kim: In the case of deep injection, the sharp temperture increase will probably build pressure within the i

13 in deep injection case if flow has been raise residence time has been reduced then what contribute increased y

14 Thank you. What is the Fe: S ratio at the optimized condition. Is it the same for the catalyts after growth?

15 did you use rarefied gas or viscous fluid model for the fluid dynamics simulations?







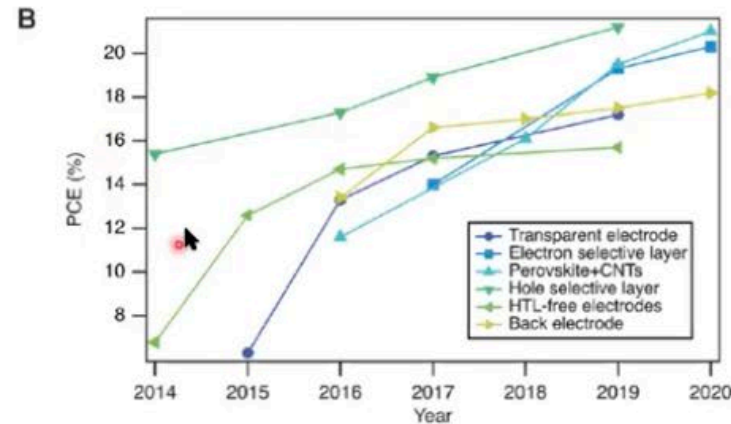
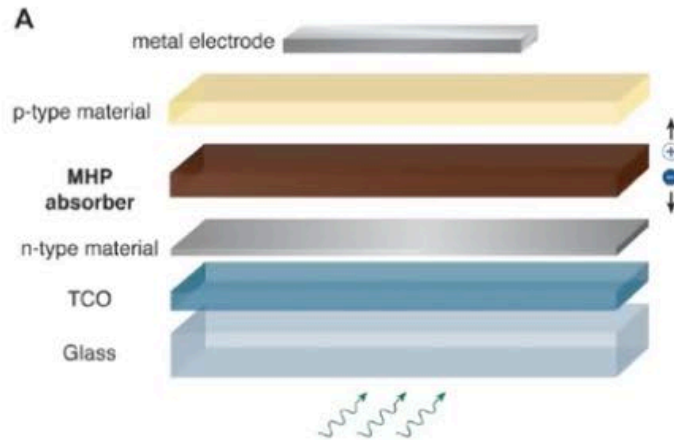
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## Carbon Nanotubes in Perovskite Solar Cells

New Perspective:

Carbon nanotubes in high-performance perovskite photovoltaics and other emerging optoelectronic applications

Severin N. Habisreutinger  and Jeffrey L. Blackburn   
J. Appl. Phys. **129**, 010903 (2021)



The tutorial talk videos have been watched by 1015 people with 256 complete views.



Michael Arnold (Univ. of Wisconsin), "Carbon Nanotube Electronics"

**591 views**  
**(115 complete)**



Benji Maruyama (Army Research Lab), "Carbon Nanotube Synthesis: Past, Present and Future"

**233 views**  
**(78 complete)**



Philippe Poulin (CNRS Bordeaux), "Liquid Processing of Carbon Nanotubes"

**191 views**  
**(63 complete)**



# Houston



7-11 am

# Paris



2-6 pm

# Tokyo



9 pm - 1 am

The main challenge was that we did not know whether attendees were attentive.

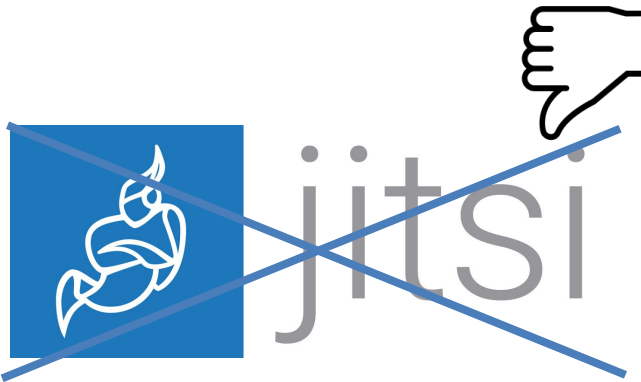
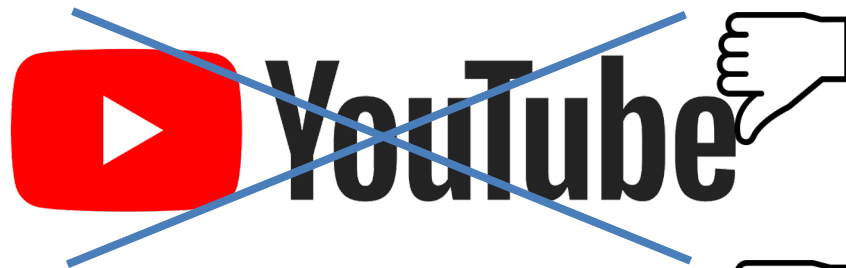
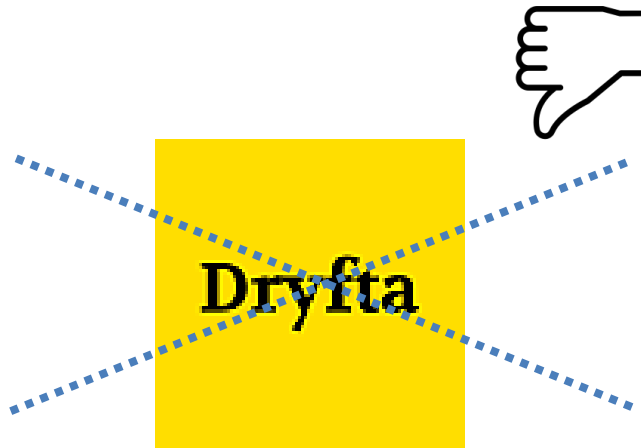




# We missed a live audience ...



Finding a suitable online platform was also a major hurdle, as most are not reliably accessible by attendees in China.





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**66 Poster Judges**

# Supplementary Information



| Time Zones      |               |               | Symposium Schedule – Sunday, June 6  |  |  |   |  |   |  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Houston (UTC-5) | Paris (UTC+2) | Tokyo (UTC+9) | 2nd Symposium on Synthesis, Purification, Functionalization, and Manufacturing of Carbon Nanotubes and Low-Dimensional Materials             | 3rd Symposium on Nanocarbon Materials for Energy and Sustainability  | 8th Symposium on Carbon Nanotube Macromaterials and Their Electronic, Thermal, and Structural Properties   | 11th Symposium on Carbon Nanomaterials Biology, Medicine and Toxicology   | 11th Graphene and 2D Materials Symposium   | 14th Symposium on Nanotube Spectroscopy, Photonics, and Applications in Metrology   | 15th Symposium on Computational Challenges in Nanotubes, 2-D Materials, and Their Macroscopic Assemblies   |
| 6:45            | 13:45         | 20:45         | Opening  | Opening  | Opening  | Opening   | Opening  | Opening   | Opening  |
| 7:00            | 14:00         | 21:00         | <b>Renu Sharma</b><br>"Revealing the nucleation, growth mechanisms and role of catalyst of single walled carbon nanotube growth"             | <b>Michael De Volder</b><br>"3D CNT Current Collectors for Li-Ion Batteries"   | <b>Andrey Khlobystov</b><br>"Chemistry in the World's Tiniest Test Tube"   | <b>Rachel Meidl</b><br>"Accelerating the Energy Transition with Carbon Nanotubes Requires Closing Critical Policy Gaps and an Understanding of Nano-related Environment, Health and Safety Information" | <b>Dmitri Efetov</b><br>"Competing phases of correlated Chern insulators in Superconducting Twisted Bilayer Graphene"                                    | <b>Shohei Chiashi</b><br>"Synthesis of single-walled carbon nanotube @ boron nitride nanotubes and their optical properties"          | <b>Feng Ding</b><br>"Contact-Induced Phase Separation of Alloy Catalyst to Promote Carbon Nanotube Growth"   |
| 7:30            | 14:30         | 21:30         | <b>Suguru Noda</b><br>"Enhancing Carbon Nanotube Production via Careful Control over Catalyst"   | <b>Dawid Janas</b><br>"Is Nanocarbon Black, Green, or Both? Towards Sustainable Energy with Carbon Nanotubes"                | <b>Chris Ewels</b><br>"1D-nanomaterial confinement: Red-phosphorus encapsulated within single-walled carbon nanotubes"   | <b>Ardemis Boghossian</b><br>"Bioengineering DNA-based Optical Nanotube Sensors Using Directed Evolution and Xenonucleic Acids (XNAs)"  | <b>Guillaume Cassabois</b><br>"Deep-ultraviolet spectroscopy in hexagonal boron nitride: from bulk to monolayer"   | <b>Salomé Forel</b><br>"Calibrating Raman Cross-sections of Sorted SWCNT Samples"   | <b>Boris Yakobson</b><br>"New Theory Insights in 1D-Nanotubes and 2D-Layers Growth and Properties"   |
| 8:00            | 15:00         | 22:00         | <b>Arthur Sloan</b><br>"Rapid Feedback Experimentation for Continuous Carbon Nanotube Growth"  | <b>IL Jeon</b><br>"Foldable Perovskite Solar Cells Using Carbon Nanotube-Embedded Ultrathin Polyimide Conductor"             | <b>Filchitsa Renee Bagsican</b><br>"Carrier-Exciton Dynamics in Aligned and Random Semiconducting Carbon Nanotubes Probed by Terahertz Emission and Photocurrent Spectroscopy" | <b>Robert Nißler</b><br>"Detection of Plant Polyphenols via Near Infrared Fluorescent SWCNT Nanosensors"  | <b>Kai Liu</b><br>"Laser Direct Writing of 2D Transition Metal Chalcogenides/Oxides Heterostructures"  | <b>Laurent Cognet</b><br>"Tailoring Carbon Nanotubes to Propel Super-resolution Microscopy Applications at Near-Infrared Wavelengths" | <b>Zhao Wang</b><br>"Aligned Carbon Nanotubes and Twisted Bilayer Graphene as Linear Nanoactuators"  |
| 8:15            | 15:15         | 22:15         | <b>Jiangtao Wang</b><br>"Selectively Twisting Carbon Nanotubes into Semiconducting Chiralities by Low-Work-Function Contact"                 | <b>Gideon Oyibo</b><br>"Harnessing the Photovoltaic Properties of Carbon Nanotube Networks"                                  | <b>Alexander Tonkikh</b><br>"Tunable Doping and Characterization of Single-Wall Carbon Nanotube Macrosystems in Air"   | <b>Lorena García-Hevia</b><br>"The CNT Biocorona: A Challenge in Nanobiototechnology"   | <b>Sunny Gupta</b><br>"What Dictates Rashba Splitting in 2D van der Waals Heterobilayers?"   |   | <b>Umedjon Khalilov</b><br>"Catalyst-Feedstock Tandem in the Structure Synthesis inside a Carbon Nanotube"   |
| 8:30            | 15:30         | 22:30         | Break  | Break  | Break  | Break   | Break  | Break   | Break  |
| 8:45            | 15:45         | 22:45         | <b>Benjamin Flavel</b><br>"The Effect of Endohedral Filling on Separation"   | <b>Juan José Vilatela</b><br>"High-Performance Materials Based on Nanoscopic Building Blocks: From Composites to Electrodes" | <b>Thomas Pichler</b><br>"Unravelling the Properties of Carbyne Confined inside Carbon Nanotubes"  | <b>Dan Roxbury</b><br>"Multispectral Fingerprinting Resolves Dynamics of Nanomaterial Trafficking in Primary Endothelial Cells"   | <b>Ajit Srivastava</b><br>"Interacting Excitons in van der Waals Heterostructures of TMDs"   | <b>Paul Finnie</b><br>"Full Spectrum Raman Excitation Mapping of Carbon Nanotubes and Making Raman Spectroscopy More Metrological"    | <b>Nicola Marzari</b><br>"Computational Exfoliation of All Inorganic Materials, and What One Can Find There"   |
| 9:15            | 16:15         | 23:15         | <b>Wei Sun</b><br>"DNA-directed precise pitch-scaling for high-performance CNT FETs"   | <b>Andrew Ferguson</b><br>"Harvesting Radio-frequency Signals with Carbon Nanotube Electronic Ratchets"                      | <b>Esko Kauppinen</b><br>"SW, DW and FW CNTs and Graphene-CNT Hybrids for Flexible Electronics Applications"   | <b>Matteo Palma</b><br>"Protein Site-Specific Coupling to Carbon Nanotubes: From Single-Molecule Nanohybrids to Nanoscale Biosensors with Tuned Electrostatic Gating"                                   | <b>Aditya Mohite</b><br>"Semiconductor Physics of 2D Organic-Inorganic Perovskites"  | <b>Edward Egelman</b><br>"Application of Cryo-EM to DNA-CNTs"   | <b>Tony Low</b><br>"2D materials plasmons: physics and applications"   |
| 9:45            | 16:45         | 23:45         | <b>Christopher Sims</b><br>"Determining SWCNT Extraction Conditions in Aqueous Two-Polymer Phase Extraction with Near-Infrared Fluorescence" |  | <b>Qiang Zhang</b><br>"Transparent and Freestanding Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube Films Synthesised Continuously via Floating Catalyst Chemical Vapor Deposition"              | <b>Zvi Yaari</b><br>"Machine Learning Enabled Nanosensor Array Platform for Cancer Diagnosis"   | <b>Ksenia Bets</b><br>"Lateral Epitaxy: the Entropic Source of Ordered Monocrystalline Growth of 2D Materials"   | <b>Achim Hartschuh</b><br>"Time-resolved Optical Microscopy of Single Semiconducting Carbon Nanotubes"                                | <b>Igor Bondarev</b><br>"Collective Excitations and Optical Response of Ultrathin Carbon Nanotube Films"   |
| 10:00           | 17:00         | 0:00 +1       | <b>Jan Gotthardt</b><br>"Molecular n-Doping of Large- and Small-Bandgap Carbon Nanotube Field-Effect Transistors with ttmgb"                 |  | <b>Cedric Ginestra</b><br>"Liquid Crystals of Neat Boron Nitride Nanotubes and their Assembly into Ordered Macroscopic Materials"  | <b>Nicole Iverson</b><br>"In Vivo Detection and Tissue Extraction of Single Walled Carbon Nanotube Sensors from a Large Animal Model"   | <b>Chongwu Zhou</b><br>"Gold-Vapor-Assisted Chemical Vapor Deposition of Aligned Monolayer WSe <sub>2</sub> with Large Domain Size and Fast Growth Rate" | <b>Klaus Eckstein</b><br>"Comparison of Infrared and Raman Spectra of Doped (6,5) Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes"                       | <b>Grigorii Drozdov</b><br>"Densification of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube Films: Mesoscopic Distinct Element Method (mDEM) Simulations and Experimental Validation" |
| 10:15           | 17:15         | 0:15 +1       | Welcome Reception  |  |  |   |  |   |  |

| Time Zones         |                  |                  | Daily Schedule   |   |   |  |   |   |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Houston<br>(UTC-5) | Paris<br>(UTC+2) | Tokyo<br>(UTC+9) | Sunday,<br>June 6  | Monday,<br>June 7   | Tuesday,<br>June 8  | Wednesday,<br>June 9   | Thursday,<br>June 10  | Friday,<br>June 11  |
| 6:30               | 13:30            | 20:30            | <b>Parallel Symposia</b><br><br>See detailed program below | <b>Opening Session:</b><br>remarks by Prof. Robert Curl, Nobel Laureate, and David Leebron, President of Rice University  |   |  |   |   |
| 7:00               | 14:00            | 21:00            |  | <b>Zhiping Xu</b><br>“Morphogenesis of Assembled Carbon Nanostructures Towards High-performance Materials”  | <b>Yuan Chen</b><br>“Carbon Nanomaterial Enabled Oxygen Electrocatalysts”   | <b>Fei Wei</b><br>“Directed Evolution of Carbon Nanotube Growth and its Unique Properties”   | <b>Yoshihiro Iwasa</b><br>“Symmetry Engineering in Nanotubes and Heterostructures of Transition Metal Dichalcogenides”                  | <b>Masako Yudasaka</b><br>“Imaging of Brown Adipose Tissues by Using Carbon Nanotubes as NIR Fluorescent Probes”    |
| 7:30               | 14:30            | 21:30            |  | <b>Jong-Hyun Ahn</b><br>“Skin-attachable Sensor Based on Graphene”  | <b>Sarah Haigh</b><br>“Developing Twisted, Stacked 2D Heterostructures with Atomic Resolution In Situ Imaging and Vice-versa” | <b>Seung-Min Kim</b><br>“The Effects of Gas Flow Patterns and Configurations of Injection Part of Reactor on the Synthesis of Carbon Nanotube/Carbon Nanotube Fiber” | <b>Alain Penicaud</b><br>“Raman D Band Appears upon Folding: The Case of Flattened Carbon Nanotubes”                                    | <b>Ralph Krupke</b><br>“Electroluminescence from Graphene-Contacted (7,5) Carbon Nanotubes with Defects”            |
| 8:00               | 15:00            | 22:00            |  | <b>Hiromichi Kataura</b><br>“Separation of Metallic Single-chirality Carbon Nanotubes Using Gel-column Chromatography”  | <b>Vincent Jourdain</b><br>“Dynamic Instability of Individual Carbon Nanotube Growth Revealed by In Situ Optical Imaging”     | <b>Yuichiro K. Kato</b><br>“Near-unity Radiative Quantum Efficiency of Excitons in Carbon Nanotubes”   | <b>Wim Wenseleers</b><br>“Well-defined Armchair Graphene Nanoribbons Synthesized inside Carbon Nanotubes”                               | <b>Rufan Zhang</b><br>“Synthesis and Applications of Ultralong Carbon Nanotubes”                                    |
| 8:15               | 15:15            | 22:15            |  | Break   | Break   | Break  | Break   | NT22 Announcement   |
| 8:30               | 15:30            | 22:30            |  | <b>Pulickel Ajayan</b><br>“Carbon Nanotechnology: A Timeline”   | <b>Ute Kaiser</b><br>“Understanding Electron-beam-stimulated Reactions within Functionalized Low-dimensional Materials”       | <b>Kaili Jiang</b><br>“Synthesis and Applications of Carbon Nanotubes”   | <b>Riichiro Saito</b><br>“Optical Properties of Nanotubes and 2D Materials”   | <b>Jana Zaumseil</b><br>“Purified and Functionalized CNTs for Optical and Electronic Applications”                  |
| 9:15               | 16:15            | 23:15            |  | <b>Adam Boies</b><br>“Pushing the Bounds of CNT Floating Catalyst Synthesis Quality Versus Quantity”  | <b>James Tour</b><br>“Flash Graphene. Trash to Treasure”  | <b>Jing Kong</b><br>“Synthesis and Electrical Contact to Two Dimensional Materials”  | <b>Jeffrey Blackburn</b><br>“SWCNT Heterojunctions with Low-dimensional Perovskites for Novel Optoelectronic Functionality and Devices” | <b>Markita Landry</b><br>“Carbon Nanotubes Enable Delivery of Biomolecules to Plants Without Transgene Integration” |
| 9:45               | 16:45            | 23:45            |  | Break   | <b>Poster I</b><br>Sessions A–E   | <b>Poster II</b><br>Sessions A–E   | <b>Poster III</b><br>Sessions A–E   | Break   |
| 10:00              | 17:00            | 0:00 +1          |  | <b>Chongwu Zhou</b><br>“High-performance Radio-frequency and Nano Electronics Based on Assembled High-density and High-semiconducting-purity Carbon Nanotube Films” |   |  |   | <b>Vasili Perebeinos</b><br>“Electrical Conductance Mechanisms in Carbon Nanotube Films”                            |
| 10:15              | 17:15            | 0:15 +1          |  | <b>Alice Castan</b><br>“Determining SWCNT Chiralities from High Resolution Electron Microscopy Images using Deep Learning”  |   |  |   | <b>Todd Krauss</b><br>“The Light, the Dark, and the Role of Charges and Defects in Carbon Nanotubes”                |
| 10:30              | 17:30            | 0:30 +1          |  | <b>Mijin Kim</b><br>“In Vivo Nanosensors using Organic Color Centers for Pharmacodynamic Monitoring”  |   |  |   | <b>Ethan Minot</b><br>“Extremely Efficient Photocurrent Generation in Individual Carbon Nanotube Photodiodes”       |
| 10:45              | 17:45            | 0:45 +1          |  | <b>Katherine Jinkins</b><br>“Wafer-scale Alignment of 2D Carbon Nanotube Liquid Crystals for Electronics”   |   |  |   | <b>Awards &amp; Closing</b>   |

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The 10<sup>th</sup> NT was called NT09!







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# Honolulu



2-6 am



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